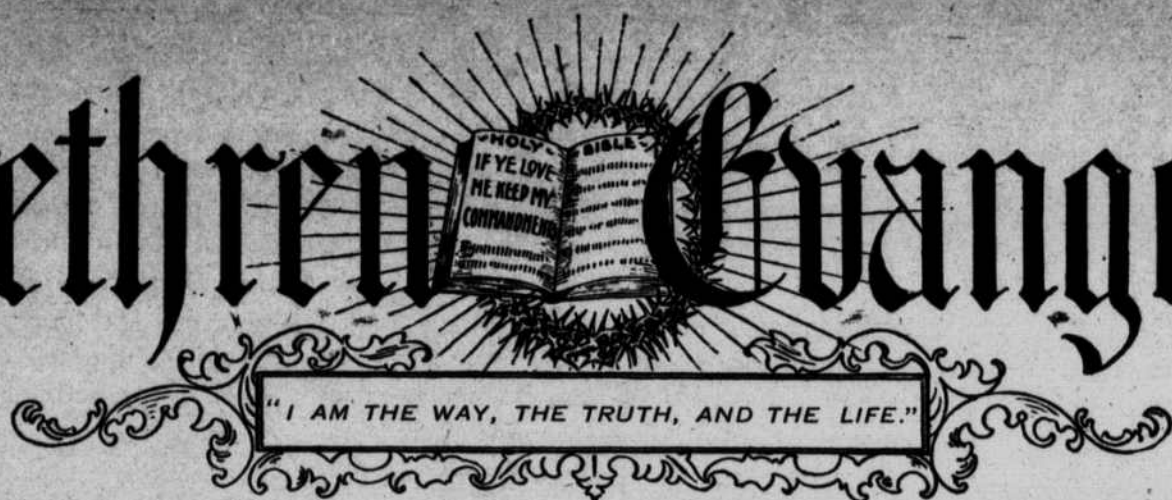


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RENEW your subscription at once. Only \$1.20 to the end of the year, including the extra Easter number.

THE *Kings' Children* papers were mailed about ten days late. Waiting for the new heading caused the delay.

SEND in your pledges for tracts at once. Are there not twenty-five persons who will take one dollar's worth of tracts announced in the last issue, in case they are published? Send your order—not money—now.

THE circulars containing full description of our Sunday-school Lesson Helps, Papers and other supplies were mailed last week to all our schools. Should any schools fail to get these circulars we will gladly send them if name and address are given.

DOES your school use *Cheering Words*, our Sunday-school paper? You should by all means have a copy in your school for each family represented. This week we send out a great many sample copies, and we shall hope for good returns. The new *Heading*, the original matter in its columns, the monthly "cuts" which are to appear after April 1, will make it the most desirable paper for Sunday-schools, published. Price only seven cents per quarter. Give it a trial. We know you will like it.

WE ask our pastors and Sunday-school workers to unite in their efforts to introduce the literature of, by and for the Brethren church, into every school in the brotherhood. Why should any school use any other but our own? Let there be a unanimous support of Brethren literature in Brethren schools.

THE following from an *exchange* is to the point and applies to our people no less than to the readers of the paper from which it is taken: "Now is the time to introduce a good religious paper in every new Christian home. Start every new member with a good religious paper, and it will be all the easier to keep him in the right way, to lead him on in the path of perfection. It will not do to ignore the Christian press if our membership is to be trained to its highest usefulness."

WE have always been optimistic in our views, advocating that the signs of the times point the index finger toward the ushering in of a better condition of human society. Our views were greatly strengthened when we learned that Miss Frances E. Willard and a few of her friends initiated the mistress of the White House, Mrs. Cleveland into the mysteries of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. The first lady of the land, a member of the W. C. T. U. may mean a great deal. It now remains for President Cleveland to explain that man and wife are not one.

AT last the *Annual* is ready to mail and all orders will be promptly filled. It contains the proceedings of the National Conference and of the District Conferences, together with a corrected list of the names and addresses of all the ministers in the Brethren church. You cannot well afford to do without this *Annual*. If you would be intelligently informed on conference work, send for one of these books, and you will find the information contained in it, worth three times its cost. Price 10 cents each; \$1.00 per dozen. Cannot pastors sell one dozen copies in their congregations?

THE *Kings' Children* appears this month with a new heading. It is very neat and significant, and we have reason to believe that all its readers will appreciate it. Every King's Children society in the brotherhood should get one of these papers for each family represented. We should have 1000 subscribers. Does your society get the paper? Why not? Send for sample copies.

WE are pleased to note the progress of our German Baptist Brethren along educational lines. In the last issue of the *Messenger*, brother H. B. Brumbaugh discourses at large on the need of a higher and more thoroughly educated ministry. Who, says the writer, would think of calling a man to teach school, who did not have a knowledge of what he was expected to teach? It is even so, brother. The preacher is a teacher in a far higher sense, and unless thoroughly equipped for the great and responsible duties of the Christian ministry, the result may prove far more serious than erroneous teaching in the school-room. But these things we have argued for, lo, these many years, and for advocating them too strongly, some of us have even suffered.

THE best example of self-denying liberality in the Bible is recorded of woman. The best example of loving service in the Bible is recorded of woman. The best example of conquering prayer in the Bible is recorded of woman. The gift was a widow's mite; the service was the anointing of Jesus with a box of ointment; the prayer was a mother's prayer for a daughter possessed with a devil. Jesus never let fall such words of royal commendation as concerning these three women. Of the poor widow he said, "She has cast in more than they all." Of Mary he said, "She hath done what she could." And to the Canaanitish mother he said: "O woman, great is thy faith! Be it unto thee even as thou wilt."—Dr. Herrick Johnson.